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Grundy County Provides COVID-19 Update

MORRIS, IL – The Grundy County Health Department provides information about vaccination efforts, cases, county and regional metrics.

Vaccination

IL Department of Public Health (IDPH) data shows that approximately 58% of the eligible population (ages 12 years and older) in Grundy are fully vaccinated, or 50.80% of our entire Grundy population.

Pediatric doses (children ages 5-11 years) are available through some local pharmacies and select Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers locations by appointment. Please visit morrishospital.org for more information about appointment availability through pediatric offices.

Vaccine for persons 12 years and older remains available through the Health Department or IDPH by walk-in for the following dates in November:

Friday, Nov 12 th	9:00am – 1:00pm	Administration Building, 1320 Union St, Morris
Saturday, Nov 13 th	10:00am – 2:00pm	Coal City Public Library, 85 N Garfield St, Coal City
Friday, Nov 19 th	9:00am – 1:00pm	Administration Building, 1320 Union St, Morris

All 3 vaccines are intended to be available at each clinic, as supplies last, for first, second, third or boosters. Unless obtaining a 1st dose, vaccine record of previous doses must be presented.

The CDC recommends a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations. For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
Examples include, but are not limited to: cancer, chronic kidney, liver or lung disease, dementia, diabetes, Down syndrome, heart conditions, HIV infection, mental health conditions, overweight, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, cerebrovascular disease or substance use disorder. Clients are asked to self-attest that they are eligible.
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
Examples include, but are not limited to: first responders, healthcare workers, congregate care staff, education and day care staff, those persons working for: food, grocery and agriculture, manufacturing, corrections, mail carriers, and public transit. Clients are asked to self-attest that they are eligible.

Booster shots are also recommended for those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Please visit cdc.gov for a complete list of applicable conditions and settings.

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Cases

To date, the total number of positive cases in Grundy is seven-thousand six-hundred and thirty (7,630), with ninety (90) residents who have passed away as a result of COVID-19 complications.

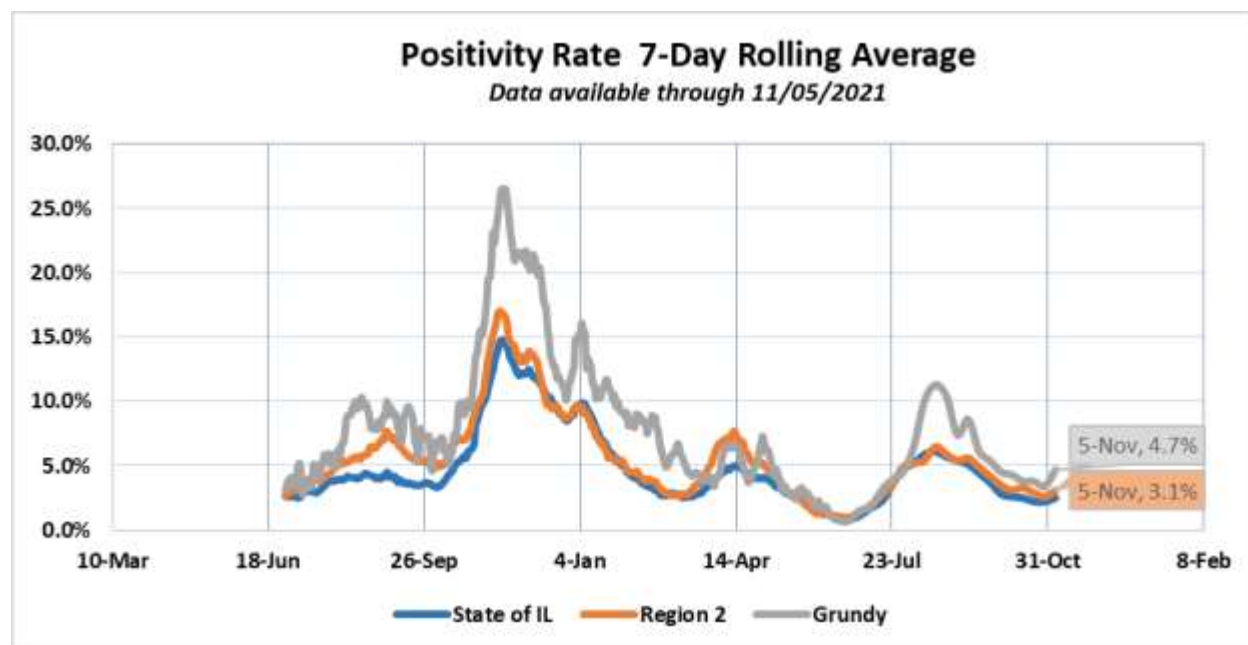
Presently, the Grundy County Health Department is following sixty-two (62) people who have recently tested positive and are in isolation, and each of their close contacts.

Grundy County, like most of Illinois, has returned to a “blue” status in the measurements of risk. The “blue” level indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics. Below are the updated metrics for Grundy County with week ending October 30. Data made available by the IDPH lags by about one week. This dataset is updated each Friday, and so these figures were shared by IDPH on November 5.

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics

	Week 36	Week 37	Week 38	Week 39	Week 40	Week 41	Week 42	Week 43
Title	09/05 - 09/11	09/12 - 09/18	09/19 - 09/25	09/26 - 10/02	10/03 - 10/09	10/10 - 10/16	10/17 - 10/23	10/24 - 10/30
New Cases Per 100,000	314	190	210	186	202	159	163	133
Number of Deaths	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Test Positivity %	8.3%	5.7%	5.3%	4.3%	4.5%	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%
Test Performed	2,202	2,154	2,443	2,676	2,771	2,474	2,422	2,401
CLI ED Visits %, Adults	5.6%	3.3%	5.2%	3.1%	5.0%	2.0%	2.4%	2.1%
Number of CLI Admissions	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	0	<5
Cluster % of cases	0.8%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ICU % Available	16.9%	16.4%	19.2%	18.5%	17.1%	13.7%	17.4%	20.3%

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics?county=Grundy>



<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=2>

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According to the CDC, the level of community transmission for much of Illinois, including Grundy County, is **high**. Therefore, CDC recommends that unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people continue to wear a mask in public indoor settings. It is also recommended that unvaccinated and vulnerable people consider avoiding crowded outdoor gatherings, or mask while in crowded outdoor spaces.



Residents may visit the **Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers webpage (morrishospital.org)** to learn the latest information about Morris Hospital hospitalizations, test positivity, testing locations and visiting guidelines. The Hospital updates hospitalization and test positivity rate information each weekday at 10:00am, and includes details related to number of vaccinated and unvaccinated patients.

School Outbreaks

Grundy currently has some small outbreaks identified (i.e. a classroom or sports team), but no entire school or district is presently in outbreak status. School outbreak information may be found at dph.illinois.gov. Grundy County Health Department and local school districts continue to follow IDPH and ISBE decision trees and other guidance documents, which are updated often.

Additional information related to school outbreaks or potential exposures associated with schools across Illinois may be found at dph.illinois.gov/covid19/school-exposures.

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New Cases	160	97	107	N/A	103	81	83	68
Youth Case Increase	68	27	30	N/A	26	25	24	25

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